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State EOC Returns to Normal Operations Following Columbia Generating Station Plant Incident

CAMP MURRAY -- The State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at Camp Murray returned to normal operations at 12:46 p.m. due to the termination of the alert at the Columbia Generating Station (CGS) site near Richland. The State EOC increased staffing and activity levels earlier in the day in response to a failure in the automatic reactor shutdown.

Responders from state agencies managed the state response and monitored the event at Hanford until CGS terminated the alert and said all emergency systems were operable. The Washington State Department of Health dispatched a field team to take air samples and soil readings as a precautionary measure. The Department of Health will continue to monitor the situation at the CGS Hanford site.

Staff from the State Military Department, Emergency Management Division, the Washington State Patrol, and the state departments of Agriculture, Health, and Transportation participated in the response.

The State EOC is operated by the Emergency Management Division of the Washington Military Department and continues to operate on a 24-hour-a-day basis.

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